



## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

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### Laws of Minnesota 2020 Accomplishment Plan

#### General Information

**Date:** 11/17/2021

**Project Title:** Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program - Phase 2

**Funds Recommended:** \$3,155,000

**Legislative Citation:** ML 2020, Ch. 104, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd 5(h)

**Appropriation Language:** \$3,155,000 the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements with Hennepin County, in cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance habitats in Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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#### Location Information

**County Location(s):** Hennepin.

**Eco regions in which work will take place:**

- Metro / Urban

**Activity types:**

- Protect in Easement

- Restore
- Enhance

#### **Priority resources addressed by activity:**

- Wetlands
- Prairie
- Forest
- Habitat

## **Narrative**

### **Abstract**

Hennepin County, in partnership with the Minnesota Land Trust, proposes to permanently protect through conservation easement 299 acres of the most important natural areas remaining in the county, and restore and enhance 84 acres of protected habitat including forest, savanna, prairie, wetlands, shallow lakes, shoreline, bluffs, and riparian areas.

Intense development pressure is a persistent threat to remaining habitat in Hennepin County. This grant will enable this partnership to continue implementation of the conservation easement and restoration actions initiated through the Outdoor Heritage Fund in 2018 and accommodate high landowner interest generated through targeted outreach.

### **Design and Scope of Work**

The Twin Cities metro area is rapidly losing ecologically significant and floristically diverse habitat as land development pressure increases; resulting in immediate consequences for the Species in Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) which rely on critical habitats in Hennepin County.

Hennepin County in partnership with its cities used extensive field work and the Minnesota Land Classification System Methodology to inventory every acre of land in the county and document the quality of natural communities. This assessment resulted in the identification of ecologically significant areas and natural resource corridors that connect areas of significant habitat across the county. In total, ecologically significant areas and corridors account for about 60,000 acres of land, of which only 31 percent is permanently protected. Using a combination of these rich datasets and other state, federal, and local data, the Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) has established focus areas and a systematic process for protection, restoration, and enhancement of the associated remaining high quality habitats. Over the next 18 years, the county plans to permanently protect 6,000 acres; resulting in permanent protection of 41 percent (24,600 acres) of the county's best remaining natural areas by 2041. Combined with our anticipated Phase 1 outputs, we will achieve nearly 20% of the county's long-term land protection objective during these first two phases of our program.

In 2018, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Land Trust (MLT) were awarded \$1.514 million from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) to support the goals of the HCP. Through work conducted under that grant to date, the

project partners are poised to acquire 200 acres of easement and complete restoration and enhancement actions on 130 acres of protected land. As a result, 2018 funds are expected to be fully encumbered this year and fully spent in 2020.

HCP promotion, outreach, and proposal solicitation efforts have resulted in consistent landowner inquiries and high-quality easement opportunities that now exceed our current easement acquisition capacity by more than 200 acres; accounting for approximately one-fifth of the acres proposed for protection under Phase 2. Landowner interest is strong. Funding through this proposal will allow the county and Minnesota Land Trust to sustain this momentum by continuing to identify the best, most cost-effective opportunities to protect, restore, and enhance remaining natural areas.

The county will continue to work with MLT, its 11 watershed organizations, 45 cities, two park districts, the MN DNR, NPS, and USFWS to identify easement opportunities and build landowner connections. The Minnesota Land Trust will bring the experience of its land protection and legal team to negotiate the purchase of conservation easements with landowners. An RFP approach will identify high value protection opportunities and encourage a competitive marketplace for scarce monetary resources. All opportunities for easement acquisition will be scored based on six categories: spatial context, size, habitat quality and diversity, water resources, wildlife and plant conservation, and risk of conversion. Management factors, partner involvement, and professional judgement will also be considered.

### **How does the plan address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species?**

Hennepin County is home to remnants of both Minnesota's Big Woods forest and the western prairies, and was historically dotted by abundant wetlands of many types, more than 50 percent of which have been lost. The great diversity of habitat types and the resulting fish, game, and wildlife species found in Hennepin County presents unique and unparalleled opportunities for protection, restoration, and enhancement. The county's natural resource corridors and ecologically significant areas include remnant old growth Maple-Basswood forest, rich and poor fens, tamarack bogs, oak savannas, shallow lakes, restored prairie, and remnant native prairie, all of which are critically essential habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Hennepin County is home to 36 rare plants and fungi, over 25 rare and sensitive plant community types, multiple occurrences of rare animal assemblages, 25 rare invertebrates, and 41 rare animal species. There are also 59 SGCN and four federally-listed species that would be impacted by this proposal. Species in Greatest Conservation Need that would be impacted by this proposal including Blanding's turtle and Trumpeter swans. Wildlife on the federal list of endangered and threatened species that can be found in Hennepin County include the Northern long-eared bat, Monarch butterfly, Higgins eye pearly mussel, and the Rusty-patched bumble bee.

Our rigorous selection criteria and scoring methodology takes into account a variety of datasets, metrics, and professional and partner knowledge, of rare and SGCN species. Furthermore, by focusing on priority areas and

emphasizing the expansion of existing natural areas and creating habitat connections, this program is especially well-designed to promote habitat protection that will benefit such species. Restoration project selection and actions of the HCP also focus on increasing and enhancing diversity of sensitive, rare, and important habitat.

**Describe how the plan uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:**

Hennepin County's ecologically significant areas and natural resource corridors were established as part of the DNR's Minnesota Land Cover Classification System comprehensive land cover inventory completed in 2008. Natural vegetative communities evaluated as High, Good, or Moderate quality were identified as ecologically significant areas. They contain some forests, prairies and wetlands with primarily native vegetation that have not been significantly altered since European settlement. These are the best remaining and ecologically intact areas in the county and some of the finest habitat of their kind anywhere in the state. Natural resource corridors were identified by spatial analysis, focused on areas with high concentrations of ecologically significant areas which created connections between ecologically significant areas, and expanded large complexes of high quality habitat.

About 15 percent of the land area in the county - 60,000 acres - are ecologically significant areas and natural resource corridors. Of these, about 41,400 acres are privately owned that are partially or entirely unprotected. Priority areas for program outreach have been developed using available data related to spatial context, size, habitat quality and diversity, water resources, wildlife and plant conservation, and risk of conversion in addition to local knowledge. The highest priority areas are generally areas adjacent to large core areas of already protected habitat.

All easement opportunities (identified through targeted outreach to landowners and via an RFP process) will be evaluated using ecological factors including but not limited to amount proximity to protected natural areas (e.g., USFW, NPS, and DNR lands, conservation easements, parks and preserves), habitat diversity and quality (e.g., MLCCS ranking, MND Sites of Biodiversity significance), size, proximity to important wildlife areas and rare species occurrences (e.g., MN DNR rare feature inventory, endangered species habitat areas, bird habitat, pollinator habitat, lakes of biological significance, Wildlife Action Network), threats of development (e.g., zoning and potential development), and proximity to important surface and groundwater areas (e.g., shoreland, wetland, floodplain, sensitive groundwater). In addition, donation values, nearness to partner planning areas, community interest, and restoration and management requirements will be considered.

**Which two sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are most applicable to this project?**

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds

**Which two other plans are addressed in this program?**

- Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

## Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this program?

### Metro / Urban

- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity

## Does this program include leveraged funding?

Yes

### Explain the leverage:

Hennepin County will provide 0.9 FTE staff time over the course of the grant: portions of three Natural Resources Specialists (0.8), the Land and Water Supervisor (0.1 FTE).

The Minnesota Land Trust will encourage private landowners to fully or partially donate the value of their conservation easements, thereby receiving less than the appraised value might otherwise allow. This donated value is shown as leveraged funds in the proposal. The Land Trust has a strong track record of incentivizing landowner to participate in this fashion.

Finally, although it is not quantified in this proposal, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Three Rivers Park District, Watershed Districts, and the Minnesota Waterfowl Association will be engaged as a restoration partners in this program. All have committed to providing leveraged funds through their services, the amount of which will depend on the specific restoration and protection projects.

## Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

This proposal does not supplant or substitute for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund used for the same purpose.

### Non-OHF Appropriations

| Year | Source   | Amount      |
|------|--|-------------|
| 2006 | LCCMR (for Natural Resources Inventory)  | \$80,000    |
| NA   | City of Bloomington, City of Plymouth, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (for Natural Resources Inventory) | \$160,000   |
| NA   | Hennepin County (1FTE Natural Resources Specialist, 2003-2018)   | \$1,646,000 |
| NA   | Hennepin County (1.5 FTE Natural Resources Specialists, 2018-2019)   | \$62,000    |
| NA   | Hennepin County (Stewardship funds for 4 easements co-held with MLT)   | \$78,000    |
| NA   | Hennepin County (Operating budgets for natural resources program 2003-2019)  | \$240,000   |

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|----|---|-----------|
| NA | Hennepin County, PCA, MDH,<br>Landowner (Conservation easement<br>restoration)                    | \$180,000 |
| NA | Hennepin County, Three Rivers,<br>Conservation Corps of MN<br>(Conservation easement restoration) | \$74,700  |

### How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended?

Both partners are experienced land and easement managers; co-holding easements provides another level of assurance that the habitat protected and restored will be sustained using the best standards and practices of conservation easement stewardship.

The Minnesota Land Trust is a nationally-accredited and insured land trust with a successful stewardship program that includes property monitoring, effective records management, addressing inquiries and interpretations, tracking changes in ownership, investigating potential violations and defending the easement in case of a true violation. Hennepin County successfully holds, co-holds or manages seven conservation easements and 38 RIM easements.

To ensure that the protected resources will be managed to support biological integrity, Habitat Management Plans and Restoration/Enhancement Plans will be developed for each conservation easement and restoration/enhancement project. Hennepin County and the Land Trust are committed to maintaining relationships with project landowners, and securing the technical and financial resources to undertake prescribed activities.

### Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

| Year                     | Source of Funds  | Step 1   | Step 2  | Step 3   |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 2024 (and in perpetuity) | MLT Stewardship & Enforcement Fund;<br>Hennepin County Enterprise Fund | Annual monitoring of property in perpetuity                          | Enforcement as needed   | -  |
| 2024-2029                | Hennepin County Solid Waste Enterprise Fund                            | Begin annual monitoring of restoration project performance standards | Make adaptive management course corrections as needed to meet performance standards | Continue monitoring periodically to ensure restoration objectives are sustained. |

### Activity Details

#### Requirements

**If funded, this program will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056?**

Yes

**Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection?**

Yes

**Who will manage the easement?**

Landowners will retain decision-making authority over management activities on their eased property. Hennepin County will be the primary contact for easement landowners, make management recommendations, assist with

planning, and provide technical and financial assistance (when available) on land management activities. The Minnesota Land Trust will include easements in their Stewardship program and defend them forever.

**Who will be the easement holder?**

Hennepin County and the Minnesota Land Trust will co-hold all easements.

**What is the anticipated number of easements (range is fine) you plan to accomplish with this appropriation?**

We estimate that we will complete 8-12 easement under this appropriation.

**Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program?**

Yes

**Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per 97A.056, Subd 13(f), tribal lands, and/or public waters per MS 103G.005, Subd. 15?**

Yes

**Where does the activity take place?**

- Permanently Protected Conservation Easements
- County/Municipal
- Refuge Lands
- Other : Watershed property

**Land Use**

**Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program?**

No

**Will the eased land be open for public use?**

No

**Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?**

No

**Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?**

Yes

**Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:**

Conservation easements established on private lands often have driveways, field roads and trails located on them. These established trails and roads will be permitted in the terms of the conservation easement and can be maintained for personal use, provided that they do not interfere with the conservation value of the property. Creation of new roads or trails or expansion of existing ones is typically not allowed.

**How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?**

Existing trails and roads will be identified in the project baseline reports and will be monitored annually as part of the Land Trust's stewardship and enforcement protocols. Maintenance of permitted roads/trails will be the responsibility of the landowner.

**Will the acquired parcels be restored or enhanced within this appropriation?**

Yes

Some easement acquired will have immediate restoration/enhancement needs. We intend to undertake restoration/enhancement activities on 73 acres of conservation easement land acquired under this appropriation. Those acres have not been included in output tables under restoration/enhancement activities.

## Timeline

| Activity Name   | Estimated Completion Date |
|---|---------------------------|
| Acquire conservation easements: 1) identify landowners; 2) negotiate, draft, and complete easements; 3) dedicate fund for stewardship   | June 2023                 |
| Restoration & enhancement of existing permanently protected areas: 1) select projects; 2) draft restoration plan and performance standards; 3) perform restoration activities; 4) annual monitoring for restoration success; 5) adaptive management and additional restoration activities as needed to meet performance standards | June 2025                 |
| Restoration & enhancement of new conservation easements: 1) select projects; 2) draft restoration plan and performance standards; 3) perform restoration activities; 4) annual monitoring for restoration success; 5) adaptive management and additional restoration activities as needed to meet performance standards           | June 2025                 |

**Date of Final Report Submission:** 11/01/2025



## Budget

*Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan.*

### Grand Totals Across All Partnerships

| Item                          | Funding Request    | Antic. Leverage  | Leverage Source                        | Total              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| Personnel                     | \$133,000          | \$348,200        | Hennepin County                        | \$481,200          |
| Contracts                     | \$482,000          | -                | -                                      | \$482,000          |
| Fee Acquisition w/<br>PILT    | -                  | -                | -                                      | -                  |
| Fee Acquisition w/o<br>PILT   | -                  | -                | -                                      | -                  |
| Easement Acquisition          | \$2,080,000        | \$624,000        | Hennepin County,<br>Landowner donation | \$2,704,000        |
| Easement<br>Stewardship       | \$264,000          | -                | -                                      | \$264,000          |
| Travel                        | \$6,000            | -                | -                                      | \$6,000            |
| Professional Services         | \$123,000          | -                | -                                      | \$123,000          |
| Direct Support<br>Services    | \$35,000           | -                | -                                      | \$35,000           |
| DNR Land Acquisition<br>Costs | -                  | -                | -                                      | -                  |
| Capital Equipment             | -                  | -                | -                                      | -                  |
| Other<br>Equipment/Tools      | \$21,600           | -                | -                                      | \$21,600           |
| Supplies/Materials            | \$10,400           | -                | -                                      | \$10,400           |
| DNR IDP                       | -                  | -                | -                                      | -                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>\$3,155,000</b> | <b>\$972,200</b> | <b>-</b>                               | <b>\$4,127,200</b> |

**Partner: Hennepin County****Totals**

| Item                          | Funding Request  | Antic. Leverage  | Leverage Source | Total              |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Personnel                     | -                | \$348,200        | Hennepin County | \$348,200          |
| Contracts                     | \$422,000        | -                | -               | \$422,000          |
| Fee Acquisition w/<br>PILT    | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Fee Acquisition w/o<br>PILT   | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Easement Acquisition          | -                | \$312,000        | Hennepin County | \$312,000          |
| Easement<br>Stewardship       | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Travel                        | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Professional Services         | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Direct Support<br>Services    | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| DNR Land Acquisition<br>Costs | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Capital Equipment             | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| Other<br>Equipment/Tools      | \$13,600         | -                | -               | \$13,600           |
| Supplies/Materials            | \$10,400         | -                | -               | \$10,400           |
| DNR IDP                       | -                | -                | -               | -                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>\$446,000</b> | <b>\$660,200</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>\$1,106,200</b> |

**Personnel**

| Position                          | Annual FTE | Years<br>Working | Funding<br>Request | Antic.<br>Leverage | Leverage<br>Source | Total     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Hennepin<br>Conservation<br>Staff | 0.9        | 3.0              | -                  | \$348,200          | Hennepin<br>County | \$348,200 |

**Partner: Minnesota Land Trust****Totals**

| Item                       | Funding Request    | Antic. Leverage  | Leverage Source    | Total              |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Personnel                  | \$133,000          | -                | -                  | \$133,000          |
| Contracts                  | \$60,000           | -                | -                  | \$60,000           |
| Fee Acquisition w/ PILT    | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| Fee Acquisition w/o PILT   | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| Easement Acquisition       | \$2,080,000        | \$312,000        | Landowner donation | \$2,392,000        |
| Easement Stewardship       | \$264,000          | -                | -                  | \$264,000          |
| Travel                     | \$6,000            | -                | -                  | \$6,000            |
| Professional Services      | \$123,000          | -                | -                  | \$123,000          |
| Direct Support Services    | \$35,000           | -                | -                  | \$35,000           |
| DNR Land Acquisition Costs | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| Capital Equipment          | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| Other Equipment/Tools      | \$8,000            | -                | -                  | \$8,000            |
| Supplies/Materials         | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| DNR IDP                    | -                  | -                | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         | <b>\$2,709,000</b> | <b>\$312,000</b> | <b>-</b>           | <b>\$3,021,000</b> |

**Personnel**

| Position             | Annual FTE | Years Working | Funding Request | Antic. Leverage | Leverage Source | Total     |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| MLT Protection Staff | 0.47       | 3.0           | \$133,000       | -               | -               | \$133,000 |

**Amount of Request:** \$3,155,000**Amount of Leverage:** \$972,200**Leverage as a percent of the Request:** 30.81%**DSS + Personnel:** \$168,000**As a % of the total request:** 5.32%**Easement Stewardship:** \$264,000**As a % of the Easement Acquisition:** 12.69%

**How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount?**

We have reduced the number of project we intend to complete.

**Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:**

Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department operations are funded by the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (money received from the sale of energy and recovered materials) as allowed by Minnesota Statute. The Land Trust encourages landowners to fully or partially donate the value of conservation easements.

## Contracts

### What is included in the contracts line?

Hennepin County will manage restoration and enhancement activities under contracts with restoration partners. MLT will use contracts for the development of Habitat Management Plans for selected conservation easements.

## Easement Stewardship

### What is the number of easements anticipated, cost per easement for stewardship, and explain how that amount is calculated?

The average cost per easement to fund the Minnesota Land Trust's perpetual monitoring and enforcement obligations is \$24,000. This figure is derived from MLT's detailed stewardship funding "cost analysis" which is consistent with Land Trust Accreditation standards. MLT shares periodic updates to this cost analysis with LSOHC staff.

## Travel

### Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?

Yes

### Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging

From time to time, Land Trust staff may rent vehicles for grant-related purposes.

### I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current MMB Commissioner Plan:

No

## Direct Support Services

### How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?

In a process that was approved by the DNR on March 17, 2017, Minnesota Land Trust determined our direct support services rate to include all of the allowable direct and necessary expenditures that are not captured in other line items in the budget, which is similar to the Land Trust's proposed federal indirect rate. We will apply this DNR-approved rate only to personnel expenses to determine the total amount of direct support services.

## Federal Funds

### Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

No

## Output Tables

### Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

| Type                                     | Wetland  | Prairie  | Forest   | Habitat    | Total Acres |
|--|----------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Restore                                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 23         | 23          |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0           |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0           |
| Protect in Easement                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 299        | 299         |
| Enhance                                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 61         | 61          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>383</b> | <b>383</b>  |

### Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

| Type                                     | Wetland  | Prairie  | Forest   | Habitat            | Total Funding      |
|--|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Restore                                  | -        | -        | -        | \$127,300          | \$127,300          |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | -        | -        | -        | -                  | -                  |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability  | -        | -        | -        | -                  | -                  |
| Protect in Easement                      | -        | -        | -        | \$2,709,000        | \$2,709,000        |
| Enhance                                  | -        | -        | -        | \$318,700          | \$318,700          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>\$3,155,000</b> | <b>\$3,155,000</b> |

### Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

| Type                                     | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie  | N. Forest | Total Acres |
|--|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Restore                                  | 23          | 0              | 0         | 0        | 0         | 23          |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0           |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability  | 0           | 0              | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0           |
| Protect in Easement                      | 299         | 0              | 0         | 0        | 0         | 299         |
| Enhance                                  | 61          | 0              | 0         | 0        | 0         | 61          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>383</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>383</b>  |

### Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

| Type                                     | Metro/Urban        | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie  | N. Forest | Total Funding      |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Restore                                  | \$127,300          | -              | -         | -        | -         | \$127,300          |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | -                  | -              | -         | -        | -         | -                  |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability  | -                  | -              | -         | -        | -         | -                  |
| Protect in Easement                      | \$2,709,000        | -              | -         | -        | -         | \$2,709,000        |
| Enhance                                  | \$318,700          | -              | -         | -        | -         | \$318,700          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$3,155,000</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>\$3,155,000</b> |

### Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5)

| Type                                     | Wetland | Prairie | Forest | Habitat |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Restore                                  | -       | -       | -      | \$5,534 |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | -       | -       | -      | -       |
| Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability  | -       | -       | -      | -       |
| Protect in Easement                      | -       | -       | -      | \$9,060 |
| Enhance                                  | -       | -       | -      | \$5,224 |

### Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6)

| Type                                     | Metro/Urban | Forest/Prairie | SE Forest | Prairie | N. Forest |
|--|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Restore                                  | \$5,534     | -              | -         | -       | -         |
| Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability | -           | -              | -         | -       | -         |

|  |         |   |   |   |   |
|--|---------|---|---|---|---|
| Protect in Fee w/o State<br>PILT Liability | -       | - | - | - | - |
| Protect in Easement                        | \$9,060 | - | - | - | - |
| Enhance                                    | \$5,224 | - | - | - | - |

### Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

## Outcomes

### Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

- A network of natural land and riparian habitats will connect corridors for wildlife and species in greatest conservation need ~ *Phase 2 of the Habitat Conservation Program will permanently protect 441 acres of strategic and diverse habitat within identified natural resource priority areas and restore 83 acres of new and existing protected land.*

*By targeting protection, restoration, and enhancement activities in biologically diverse natural areas and remnant habitats critical for the interconnection and buffering of already protected core habitats, we will ensure the long-term health and viability of Minnesota's game and non-game wildlife and increase the ecological integrity of important habitats by forming habitat corridors and improving the quality of existing habitat through invasive species management and mitigation.*

## Parcels

*For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.*

## Parcel Information

### Sign-up Criteria?

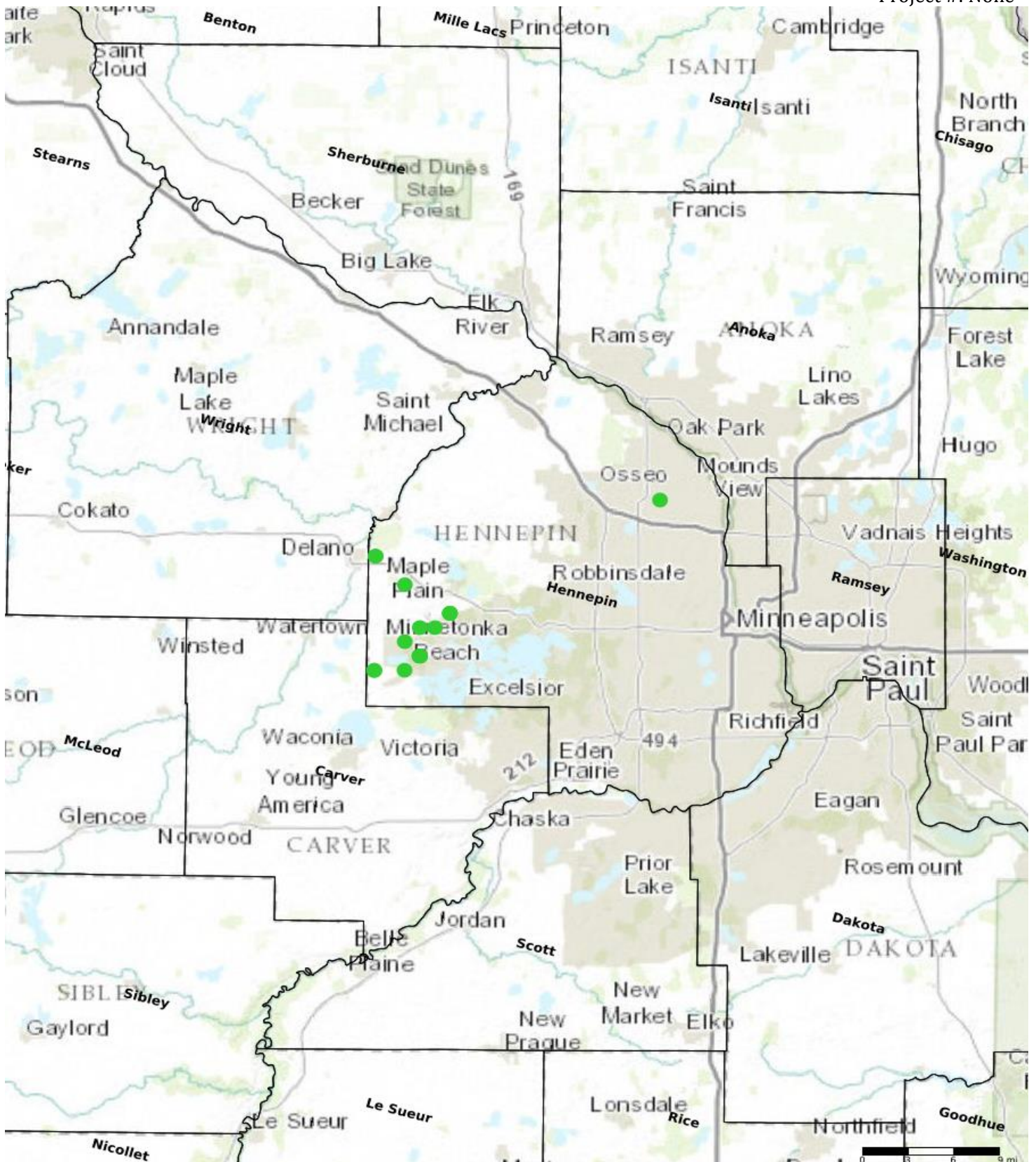
[Yes](#)

**Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list:**

## Protect Parcels

| Name                        | County   | TRDS     | Acres | Est Cost  | Existing Protection |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|---------------------|
| Lake Rebecca 1              | Hennepin | 11824207 | 100   | \$0       | No                  |
| Prairie Hill 2              | Hennepin | 11724219 | 24    | \$62,000  | No                  |
| Prairie Hill (Clark)        | Hennepin | 11724219 | 24    | \$62,000  | No                  |
| Little Long Lake (Inglis)   | Hennepin | 11724215 | 21    | \$160,000 | No                  |
| Little Long Lake (Staunton) | Hennepin | 11724215 | 15    | \$155,000 | No                  |
| Lake Independence 2         | Hennepin | 11824221 | 19    | \$320,000 | No                  |
| Painter Creek 1             | Hennepin | 11724203 | 70    | \$400,000 | No                  |
| Little Long Lake 3          | Hennepin | 11724215 | 41    | \$349,000 | No                  |
| Painter Marsh 3             | Hennepin | 11824236 | 60    | \$100,000 | No                  |
| Little Long Lake 6          | Hennepin | 11724209 | 36    | \$150,000 | No                  |
| Little Long Lake 7          | Hennepin | 11724215 | 10    | \$150,000 | No                  |
| Painter Marsh 2             | Hennepin | 11824236 | 20    | \$35,000  | No                  |
| Lake Robina 1               | Hennepin | 11824207 | 45    | \$0       | No                  |
| Painter Marsh 1             | Hennepin | 11824236 | 20    | \$50,000  | No                  |
| Crow River 1                | Hennepin | 11724215 | 20    | \$40,000  | No                  |
| Little Long Lake 5          | Hennepin | 11724215 | 20    | \$155,000 | No                  |
| Painter Marsh 4             | Hennepin | 11724202 | 20    | \$80,000  | No                  |
| Little Long Lake (Otterson) | Hennepin | 11724215 | 3     | \$50,000  | No                  |
| Whaletail Lake 1            | Hennepin | 11724221 | 13    | \$240,000 | No                  |
| Fish Lake 1                 | Hennepin | 11921220 | 250   | -         | No                  |





**Parcel Map**  
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**Phase 2**  
**(Data Generated From Parcel List)**



